line 17, change "abut" to --abuts--

line 20, delete "this"

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) Device for fixing a plug in a support (100), [with] comprising a piston (6) adapted to be propelled by compressed gas, [comprising] a cylinder (5) in which the piston (6) is mounted, a combustion chamber (3) formed between the piston and a cylinder head (2), a combustion chamber sleeve (4) [intended] movably mounted to close the chamber (3) at [the] a rear thereof [a] through contact with the cylinder head (2) [and at the front with the piston (6) and the cylinder (5)], a plug guide (8) acting as a probe for [placing] placement in abutment with the support (100), [and for closing the combustion chamber (3), the device being characterised in that it comprises] said plug guide (8) including a pushing surface (30) and said sleeve (4) supporting an [the] abutment surface (29) which [are respectively fixedly attached to the plug guide (8) and to the sleeve (4) and] surfaces (30 ,29) are arranged to be fixedly attached to each other during [in a] rearward translational movement of the sleeve (4) when the plug guide (8) is placed into abutment with said support (100) and which rearward displacement of the sleeve (4) [in order to] closes the combustion chamber (3), [and to become] said surfaces (30, 29) detaching [detached] from each other upon recoil of the device in reaction to firing in order to ensure that the plug guide (8) is kept in abutment against the support (100) during said recoil, said plug guide (8) being in coaxial

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alignment with one of said plugs in a firing position to thereby guide said plug upon firing.

2. (Amended) Device according to claim 1, comprising [means (20,21) for rearwards driving of the sleeve (4),] at least one connection member (20, 21) which are fixedly attached to the sleeve (4) and to which [the] connection member said abutment surface (29) is fixedly attached for rearwards driving of the sleeve (4).

3. (Amended) Device according to claim 2, wherein the at least one connection member [driving means] comprises at least one driving arm (20, 21) fixedly attached, at one of [its ends] end thereof, to an abutment finger (23) provided with [the] said abutment surface (29).

4. (Amended) Device according to claim 3, wherein the plug guide (8) comprises a groove (25) for receiving the abutment finger (23), [provided with] said groove including a front wall acting as [a] said pushing surface (30).

5. (Twice Amended) Device according to claim 1, further comprising a housing (1), to which the cylinder (5) is fixedly attached, and a plug guide support (7) [which is] fixedly attached to the cylinder (5), in which [cylinder] plug guide support the plug guide (8) is mounted in a sliding manner.

6. (Twice Amended) [Fixing device] Device according to claim [5] 3, further comprising means (35, 36) for returning [the driving means (20, 21)] said at least one driving arm towards the

front.

7. (Amended) Fixing device according to claim 6, wherein the returning means (35, 36) are in abutment at [the] a rear portion thereof against the cylinder (5) and are arranged to cooperate at [the] a front portion thereof with at least one said finger (24, 26) fixedly attached to the [driving means] at least one driving arm in order to return the sleeve (4) to the front when the device is removed from abutment with the support (100) after firing.

Please add the following new claims.

--8. A combustion power tool for driving a member through a surface and into a material having said surface, comprising:

a piston and cylinder defining a combustion chamber;

a combustion chamber sleeve movably mounted relative to the chamber to close said chamber when the sleeve is moved into a rearward position;

a nosepiece disposed forwardly of said piston and cylinder, said nosepiece including a guide located inside the nosepiece and adapted for being positioned in coaxial alignment with said member in a firing position to thereby guide said member into and through said surface upon firing;

said guide being operatively connected to said sleeve to thereby move said sleeve in rearward translational movement when the guide is place into abutment with said surface and which rearward translational movement also moves said sleeve to close said combustion chamber.

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